

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MATTHEW MCDERMOTT,

Plaintiff,

-v-

THIS DOG'S LIFE CORP.,

Defendant.

23 Civ. 5869 (PAE)

ORDER

PAUL A. ENGELMAYER, District Judge:

On November 10, 2023, defendant filed a motion to dismiss the complaint under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Dkt. 5. Under Rule 15(a)(1)(B), a plaintiff has 21 days after the service of a motion under Rule 12(b) to amend the complaint once as a matter of course.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that plaintiff shall file any amended complaint by December 1, 2023. No further opportunities to amend will ordinarily be granted. If plaintiff does amend, by December 22, 2023, defendant shall: (1) file an answer; (2) file a new motion to dismiss; or (3) submit a letter to the Court, copying plaintiff, stating that they rely on the previously filed motion to dismiss.<sup>1</sup>

It is further ORDERED that if no amended complaint is filed, plaintiff shall serve any opposition to the motion to dismiss by December 1, 2023. Defendant's reply, if any, shall be served by December 15, 2023. At the time any reply is served, the moving party shall supply the Court with a courtesy copy of all motion papers by attaching them as PDF files to a single email addressed to [EngelmayerNYSDChambers@nysd.uscourts.gov](mailto:EngelmayerNYSDChambers@nysd.uscourts.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> If defendant files a new motion to dismiss or relies on their previous motion, plaintiff's opposition will be due 14 days thereafter, and defendant's reply, if any, will be due seven days after that.

The Court will determine later, after receipt of plaintiff's anticipated brief opposing a motion to dismiss the current or amended complaint, whether to schedule oral argument.

SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul A. Engelmayer", written in black ink.

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PAUL A. ENGELMAYER  
United States District Judge

Dated: November 14, 2023  
New York, New York